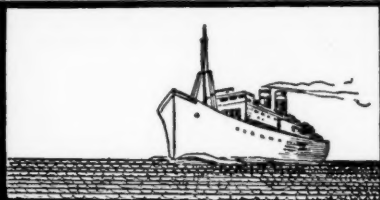


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The following new Presidential stamps with dates of issue are now announced by the Postoffice Department. All will be issued first day at Washington, D. C. If you have not secured your envelopes for first day covers, order them at once and be sure you will get them in time. Read our offers below. Bear in mind that the higher these values go the better the covers will be and the collector who carries on throughout the series will have a very remarkable set of first day covers that will be unequalled in any other series of stamps.

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We realize that in preparing pages for a set of stamps such as this that we must be able to offer a set of pages that will meet with the approval of all classes of collectors so that after much study of the problem we have developed a set of pages in two sections. You may buy either section or both sections and have a complete album, the object of the two sections is to provide additional pages of the same style and design for those collectors who will want more than space for just a single set of the stamps.

With the coming of this set we believe that there will be hundreds of collectors who will start now to make a specialized collection of this series of stamps and the new pages offered by LINPRINT will provide ample space to go as far as you want to go in building a specialized collection. By buying additional sets of Section II of our Presidential Album Pages you can keep on adding to your album as long as you wish and thus build up a large collection of these beautiful stamps.

We know that you would want something beautiful and practical for your collection of these new stamps and we are therefore planning a set of pages that will appeal to every collector.

Section I will consist of 34 pages, a page for every president including both Hoover and Roosevelt. Also a page for Franklin, Martha Washington and the White House. There will also be with this section a handsome title page for your album. This Section will be printed on heavy white album paper of the same quality as used in our Perpetual Album Pages and the pages will be finished in the same style as those pages, 11x8½ inches, punched with three holes to fit the standard three ring binder and round cornered.

Each page will bear the picture of the president with a brief Biography and other information of interest. These pages will be printed in red and black and will have sufficient room at the bottom to mount either a first day cover or both singles and blocks of the stamps, thus making a complete album.

Section II will be of the same size and style of page except that it will have a gray quadrille ground for mounting stamps, this will be surrounded by a red border line with boxed space at top in which will be printed the name of each president, a page for each, also Franklin, Martha Washington and the White House. This section by itself will be suitable for a collection of Presidential Stamps, but the object of this section is to provide additional pages that match with those of the first Section so that collectors who want to go farther than just enough stamps for their single page may have additional pages to add to their album and you can buy new sections of this second section at any time when you have a need to add more pages to enlarge your collection of presidential stamps.

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Bureau Precancel Price Trend Reversed — A Healthy Sign

By ADOLF GUNESCH

THIS is the third time that W. B. Hoover has priced the Bureau catalog. For eighteen editions Dr. W. I. Mitchell made an honest effort to put a fair market value on Bureau precancels, not always successful because he had to rely on information supplied him by scores of collectors and dealers, and sometimes he had the wrong information.

When the news leaked out that W. B. Hoover would price the 19th Edition, I thought that nothing better could happen to the most popular branch of stamp collecting. My honest opinion was and still is, that a dealer can more accurately price a catalog, because he buys and sells all year around. W. B. Hoover should have been in a position to put out a real catalog. Instead, prices were reduced right and left, most of them without any justification.

In the 20th Edition 1100 prices were reduced, about a third of all Bureaus in existence. Collectors began to wonder if Bureaus had lost their popularity all of a sudden. Mr. Hoover called this a readjustment of prices and defended his policy with a statement that the prices in the catalog were his prices at which he was willing to sell. That statement should have shut up his critics. But did it?

One must remember that the majority of Bureau collectors consider this official catalog their bible, especially those in smaller towns who have little or no contact with other collectors.

It is only natural that not all collectors buy all of their Bureaus from Hoover Brothers. That especially refers to the scarce obsolete values, not readily obtainable in the open market.

Suppose we ask \$10.00 for a New Orleans B122 1½ coil cataloging but \$5.00. Some collectors think we are trying to hold them up, but others who studied Bureaus will gladly pay. Most likely they tried every other dealer before they would pay twice catalog. In some cases, it is not the question of the price, but the question of getting the stamps at all. Now whom would you blame for such an absurd condition, the dealer who is asking \$10.00 for a stamp, knowing it is worth the price, or the dealer who puts

a \$5.00 catalog valuation on the stamp knowing he can't supply? The catalog price doesn't mean a thing, unless you can buy the stamps at the price quoted.

In the 21st Edition, Mr. Hoover has tried hard to correct some of the mistakes made in the previous two editions. High values, that is the 11c to 50c value of the current series have been moved up all along the line. Some are priced correctly but those items that never show up in mixtures, high values for which dealers have to pay a heavy premium are still out of line.

There, however, is one class of material that Mr. Hoover is neglecting entirely. I am referring to rarities, especially coil pairs. This is the third catalog published since the Chicago Coil Pair Statistics Committee did a fine job. Certainly Mr. Hoover had ample time to study the tabulation and could have readjusted the prices. What he did was to reduce a lot of those medium priced coil pairs to bring them more in line with others, but never even made an attempt to raise the scarce ones to the level they deserved.

Surely, a New Orleans 122 pair is worth more than \$30.00. Or could he tell me where I could buy a pair of Ft. Wayne at \$50.00, or Harrisburg B122 at \$60.00? What about the DeKalb 121, Racine 121, Lima 121, Urbana 142, to mention only a few. Those prices are ridiculous. As long as there was a chance of a re-order, it might have been a good policy to hold back. Now that the Presidential series is making its appearance they should be cataloged at market prices. In many cases, some of these obsolete pairs have been selling at several times catalog, that is whenever any of them come on the market. About the only time this happens is when collections are broken up.

It would be strange indeed, if Mr. Hoover did not know about this. I repeat a suggestion made a few years ago, there should be a board of dealers and collectors to set a fair selling price on all Bureaus, as long as the catalog is called "Official." If, however, it is Hoover Brothers price list, then there certainly is no reason why we should have to pay twice a year 75c for this list. At any rate, I can recommend collectors

interested in Bureaus, to buy now, especially those obsolete items—as long as they can get them at present catalog prices. They will never be cheaper.

Editor's Note: The above comments do not necessarily indicate our own opinions, but as Mr. Gunesch is one of the leading dealers in Bureau Print and local print precancels, he is well qualified to review price quotations.

Iowa First Day Sale

Iowans generally were enthusiastic about the new Territorial stamp according to newspaper clippings received through courtesy of Dewey L. Williams, Secy. of the Des Moines Philatelic Society. The club's innovation of a dinner the night before the first day was a great success, some 200 dealers and collectors from all parts of the country attending. Prof. Royal H. Holbrook of Iowa State College gave a brief, humorous and impromptu talk on the stamp, which he declared was the "greatest stamp America ever produced." He further stated the Old Capitol, central design of the stamp, is a replica of the town hall of Milan, Italy.

By the day before the sale of the stamp over 110,000 first day covers had been received and by 4:30 P. M. of the first day 145,000 covers had been cancelled. Postmaster General Farley sent about 450 covers to friends. 20,000 covers were estimated as being sent to foreign addresses. At the Iowa State Fair, many persons bought the new stamp at the branch post office, mailing their covers in the Burlington railroad's replica of the first R. P. O. car to receive the special cachet. The employee in charge estimated some 25,000 covers were so handled. Mrs. Shawen estimated the total of first day covers at around 250,000, but the Information Service of the Dept. later announced that 209,860 first day covers had been sent. A total of 452,691 copies of the stamp were sold on the first day, they also report, indicating the post office is richer by \$13,580.73.

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Designers of September Issues

The Post Office Department has announced the sources of the design as well as the names of the designer and engravers of each of the five new Presidential stamps to be issued this month. For the 10c Tyler a photo of a bust by Charles Keck, now in the rotunda of the Virginia State Capitol at Richmond was used. The portrait of Polk on the 11c stamp comes from a Presidential medal prepared by the U. S. Mint at the time he was President, the designer of the medal being unknown. The portrait of Zachary Taylor on the 12c stamp also comes from a photo of a bust in the Capitol at Richmond, the bust being the work of F. William Siebers. A bust of President Fillmore, now in the U. S. Senate Gallery was the source of the portrait on the 13c, sculptor apparently being unknown. For the head of President Harding on the \$2.00 stamp a Presidential Medal designed by George Morgan, engraver at the Philadelphia Mint, was used as model.

The designs of the 10c, 12c and 13c stamp were the work of William K. Schrage, while Robert L. Miller, Jr., designed the 11c and Victor S. McCloskey, Jr., designed the \$2.00. The picture of the 10c was engraved by C. T. Arlt, the 11c by Leo C. Kauffman, the 12c by John Eissler and both 13c and \$2.00 by S. Pauling. The lettering of the four lower denominations was done by J. T. Vail, but E. M. Hall did this work on the \$2.00 design.

First Day Calendar

- 12c Taylor of new issue, Sept. 14 at Washington, D. C.
- 13c Fillmore of new issue, Sept. 22 at Washington, D. C.
- \$2.00 Harding of new issue, Sept. 29 at Washington, D. C.
- 14c Pierce of new issue, October 6, at Washington, D. C.
- 15c Buchanan of new issue, October 13, at Washington, D. C.
- 16c Lincoln of new issue, October 20, at Washington, D. C.
- 17c Johnson of new issue, October 27, at Washington, D. C.

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New Books Received

Official Catalog of Canada Precancels, Third Edition, July, 1938. Published by Hoover Brothers, 444 Fourth Ave., New York City, price \$1.00 postpaid. This little catalog comprises 36 pages printed by the planograph process, and is bound in heavy blue card with the popular metal ring style being used more and more for small catalogs. The book lists Canadian stamps precancelled from the earliest known, the 15c 1868. Each stamp is assigned a number and continues to use that number throughout the catalog. Bar types are listed separately, while City Types, those having either the town name or a number, are listed in a separate group. Prices on the whole seem reasonable and bear out the publisher's intention to issue a catalog priced on a net basis. The various types of Canadian stamps and their precancellations are illustrated. C. C. Sonne is the editor.

Sources of Supply for Stamp Dealers, Tenth (1939) Edition. Published by the Gossip Printery, Holton, Kans. 116 pages 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, price \$1.00 of the publishers. The book has been revised and contains a few less pages than the previous edition. It lists nearly 1400 dealers and suppliers of stamps and accessories to the trade and what they deal in. The book is cross-indexed so that the reader can readily locate dealers in any country or accessory. Certainly a handy reference book for any dealer as the time the book saves is worth many times its cost.

The Blue Book of Philately, published by H. L. Lindquist, 2 West 46th St., New York City. Second Edition, 434 pages, bound in blue cloth, price \$2.50 of the publishers. This book is the same in size and content in general except that all persons listed have had their listings checked and brought up to date. Over 5100 persons are included with a brief biography of their philatelic activities. An index enables the reader to immediately locate those persons collecting any particular country, this index including 262 different classifications. Profusely illustrated with half tones of many prominent philatelists the book is printed on a smooth coated stock and is nicely bound. That the labor involved in compiling this volume is not considered justified by the publisher is explained in the foreword: "It is doubtful if any attempt

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512 12c Dk. Clar. Brn., 1917	.80	.19
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As an example of use of stamps between offices of a company the A. & P. stores are typical. Messages between stores, carried by the truck driver, an A. & P. employee, carry stamps at first-class rates and are canceled by a rubber stamp used by the manager. One specimen just noted is a green four line

marking apparently originally made to be a return card on packages and used as a cancellation in lieu of any special marking. It reads "From—The Great A. & P. Tea Co.—P. O. Box _____, Ohio."

There are undoubtedly numerous other examples of these cancellations and being officially authorized they are of interest to the cancellation collector. There is no restriction on the sender to cancel in black, no color being specified, nor is the manner of applying the ink specified. Generally a simple criss-cross of two pen-drawn lines seems easiest to most users, though firms (like express companies) use their rubber stamps. Since the rubber stamps contain a date, they serve the dual purpose of canceling the stamp and dating the envelope as required by the Postal Laws. Few collectors receive specimens of these stamps used outside the mails as the stamps used were such common ones that few bothered to save them; while others felt it unwise to do so as the instructions of the Dept. were interpreted that the envelopes should be destroyed. However,

they make an interesting, though of course not valuable, addition to a cancellation collection.

On August 5th, a clipping from Joe Koschwan tells us, one John M. Stahl, a motion picture director of Hollywood wrote P. M. Genl. Farley asking him to place the faces of movie stars on our stamps. He seems to have overlooked the "must be dead" rule, and there is a rumor that even Charlie McCarthy wouldn't be eligible since he has more life than some of the stars.

MIDWAY is the name of a newly established post office about half-way between Tacoma and Seattle, Washington.

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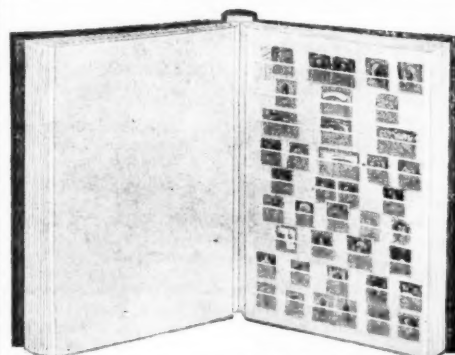
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last week. The designs will be exactly like the 10c and 11c with only the necessary change of portrait, name and figures. The Department requests collectors to submit covers for each denomination separately. If covers are to be sent registered, additional postage as required must be placed on covers for above stamps. All covers should be sent the Postmaster, Washington, D. C.

British Colonial Secretary A Stamp Collector

On the birthday of King George VI, Lord Harlech, Colonial Secretary, was awarded the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George and it is interesting to note that this gentleman is a stamp collector, in fact a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society. The *KenMore* *Kol*-*lector* says that now, at the age of 52, he controls the issuing of stamps for the British Colonies. He was, incidentally, the only stamp collector receiving recognition at the Birthday Honors of the King.

New Watermark Detector

We have received from the inventor, Melvin A. Conant, a new type watermark detector which in addition to using the time-honored method of benzine has a cover containing three differently colored optical windows which serve to aid in seeing the watermark on stamps ordinarily difficult to catalog. By holding the cover close to the eye, using the colored window proper for the color of the stamp to be examined, it is claimed that greatly superior results are obtained in identifying stamp watermarks. Scott Publications, Inc., are wholesaling the detector, the trade name being "The Macon Detector."

Albany, Calif., will have a new post office completed in Sept. and covers for the first mail (Oct. 1) should be sent to Ed. Morris, Cachet Director, Albany Chamber of Commerce.

In error the state in address of W. Torgesen in his classified adv. under "Air-mail and Covers" was given as "N. Y." instead of "N. J." in the August 27th LINN'S.

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Burma To Issue Pictorials

Four designs, picturing the Royal Barge, Teak, Rice and "The Irawaddy" are reported chosen from 252 designs submitted for the new stamps for Burma to replace the overprints on Indian stamps issued last year. The new stamp issuing division has about the status of the Dominions of the British Empire.

Barbados sold about ten times as many Coronations as Jubilees, gross profit being about \$70,000. 32,000 sets were used on first day covers.

—KenMore *Kol*-*lector*.

Silvernails is the name of a New York postoffice being discontinued Sept. 15.


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Editor's Notebook

NUMISMATICS Columbus the other week was treated to a fine exhibit from collections of leading followers of that other hobby whose name is as much a pronunciation stumbling block to the general public as ours. For its Golden Jubilee, the American Numismatic Association had a large, well-lighted room full of rare coins, paper money and medals. Such a show would interest most any stamp collector we believe and the next time a coin show is in your neighborhood it might be well to look it up.

Most interesting to us were the coins from many out-of-the-way spots whose stamp denominations are expressed in oddly named currency. The show included much in the way of coins from Oriental countries and some of the pieces which clinked on post office counters certainly were as curious as the stamps which slid across in the opposite direction. One frame we noted would fit equally well in either a coin or stamp show — a case of encased postage stamps

of our Civil War.

Most visitors however were impressed by the high face value at once apparent in the countless gold coins and case after case of U. S. paper currency and in that respect coins do make a more impressive showing than stamps, for most of the valuable stamps do not look that way at all to the general public. What the general public over-looked (as they do at stamp shows) was the material's being in such fine condition and that much of its actual value was based on that condition rather than on face value. Collectors of paper currency abhor creases, tears or dirt as much as stamp collectors and it's dismaying to the persons with jugfuls of coins how these defects can affect the value, just as the finder of stamps who brings them in as if they were as indestructible as cast iron is confounded to find the corners really shouldn't be removed — if one wants to cash in.

Coin shows it seems are a sort of combined exhibition and sales room. The exhibits form the bourse stock of many exhibitors, each of whom has a key to his cases and removes specimens at any time, the exhibition therefore gradually diminishing in size as each day passes. Certainly a practice not to be recommended for stamp exhibits. Amusing was the loudly announced contempt of one dealer for stamp collecting, chief ingredient of said contempt being that stamp collectors don't exactly stampe to snap up offerings at random of three-figure items. We failed to follow that line of "reasoning" and pass it on to you for what it's worth. We've always been proud of our hobby as being one where a thick wallet is not necessary to enjoy it fully and we're still proud of it.

Numismatists also are quite different in their attitude toward face value of commemoratives. They don't seem to object to commemorative half dollars at \$1.50 so long as the supply is enough to go around and no one gets to hog the issue. In our hobby, any such 200% hijacking attempt brings down the bloodhounds in full cry and the country attempting it soon finds its revenue from philatelic sources on the wane. They also handle publicity on a different basis, as witness local newspapers playing up "the world's largest gold coin" — a huge piece labeled as being worth some \$2600, but which we privately learned was only an imitation in some ordinary metal, its true nature being kept secret as it was thought good publicity and visitors "would not know the difference." We hope this attitude isn't adopted by stamp exhibitors possessing Mauritius and British Guiana "reprints," or there might be some embarrassing instance of the "only one" British Guiana being on exhibit several places on the same day.

—R. R.

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—Karl Lewis, Yokohama.

Discontinued Post Offices

Again we repeat for the benefit of those readers who send for postmarks of the post offices being discontinued: Our information is based on official Post Office Dept. orders and these occasionally are not correct as to date of discontinuance. We print those that are announced in time for some (if not all) to get their covers in time, but frequently we receive the information too late to print at all. So, when sending such covers you just have to take a chance as the only thing we could do to avoid getting some notices in too late, would be to omit all "last day" items—and we know you wouldn't want us to do that. Some of this information can be obtained a little sooner if you care to check every few days the copies of the daily Postal Bulletin at your post office. Or you can subscribe to the Bulletin by remitting two dollars per year to the Supt. of Documents, Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Very little of its space, however, is devoted to things of the slightest interest to collectors, as it contains all sorts of notices for guidance of employees and officers of the postal service.

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Oct. 12—Sale at A. P. S. Convention, New Orleans. Lambert W. Gerber, 441 Arlington, Tamaqua, Pa.

Maybe It's The Heat

From a house organ we glean these: "A rumor exists that the 25c Trans-Pacific Aero may be removed from Philatelic Agency sales. In such an event I venture to predict it will command 50c a copy within a month's time." It may command the 50c but darn few half-dollar pieces in collectors' pockets will obey such an unwarranted summons. It goes on to state "This fall may see one of the wildest seasons of speculation in stamps the hobby has ever known." MAY is a very good word to use, and will not would be better.

Panama, says LaRue Applegate in the N. Y. Times, will issue its Constitution commemoratives on October 15. Other reports state that the government acceded to objections of philatelists and is omitting the proposed high values.

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- #835—A307—3c deep violet

Swedish-Finnish Tercentenary Issue. Unwmkd. flat plate printing, perf. 11. Issued to commemorate the tercentenary of the founding of the Swedish-Finnish settlement of Wilmington, Delaware:

- #836—A308—3c red violet

Hunting Permit Stamp. Department of Agriculture, flat plate printing, unwmkd., perf. 11. Inscribed "U. S. Department of Agriculture. Void after June 30, 1939. Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp":

- #5704—\$1.00 light violet (Pintail Drake and Duck Alighting)
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

ALEXANDRETTA—The demand for the first issue of this country was so big that by the end of April original supplies were very low. Also as stocks of the Syrian stamps on which they were overprinted were also low, the post office was forced to prohibit sales of wholesale quantities to dealers.

(Benjamin T. Baroody)

Note: We are informed also that the stamps are already obsolete, though this information is not authentic.

ANGOLA—Provisional Issue. Stamp of 1932, surcharged in black "0.15 Cent." Old numeral of value and "C" obliterated by two black short horizontal bars. Wmkd. Maltese Cross, perf. 12x11½:

- A14—35c. on 80c. emerald green
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

BAHAMAS—Additional values of the King George VI Issue. Engraved, script wmkd., perf. 12½:



- 4d. blue & orange (Sea Garden-Nassau)
- 6d. olive & blue (Fort Charlotte)
- 8d. ultramarine & carmine (Flamingoes in flight)
(R. Roberts)

BELGIUM—Official Stamps. Regular issue of 1936, overprinted in red with the winged wheel, unwmkd., perf. 13½, 13½x14:

- A82—10c. olive bistre
- A83—70c. brown
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

COOK ISLANDS—Sales of the Coronation stamps for this Colony were as follows: 1d—787,572; 2½d—569,108; 6d—541,657.
(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

INDIA—Cochin. New values and colors. Wmkd. small umbrella, perf. 13x14:

- A9—2a. gray
- A9—3a. vermilion
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

Gwalior. The under-noted King George V stamps of India, Nasik printing, inscribed "Postage" only, have been overprinted for this State. They no doubt will have a very short life and will soon be replaced by like values of the King George VI series:



- A72—1a. brown
- A69—1a3p. violet
(Whitfield, King & Co.)

Indore. Change in color:
A6—8a. red-orange
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

Jhind State. Additional values of the King George VI set, to go with those recently noted:

- A81—12a. carmine-lake
- A82—1R. brown & slate
- A82—2R. dark brown & dark violet
- A82—5R. deep ultramarine & dark green
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- A82—15R. dark green & dark brown
- A82—25R. dark violet & blue-violet
(R. Roberts)

IVORY COAST—Type of 1936. Unwmkd. perf. 13:

- A6—35c. deep green
- A7—55c. dark violet
- A8—80c. black brown
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

ITALY—Aegean Islands. The 2000th Anniversary series of Italy, chronicled by us November 20, 1937, has been overprinted in three lines "Isole Italiane Dell'ego" for use here. The original colors of the stamps have also been changed. Wmkd. crown, perf. 14:

- 10c. olive brown (b)
- 15c. bright violet (r)
- 20c. red-brown (b)
- 25c. gray-green (r)
- 30c. purple (b)
- 50c. deep blue-green (r)
- 75c. carmine (b)
- 1.25L. deep blue (r)
- 1.75L. plus 1L. orange (b)
- 2.55L. plus 2L. sepia (r)

Air Post Stamps:

- 25c. slate-violet (r)
- 50c. green (r)
- 80c. blue (r)
- 1L. plus 1L. purple (b)
- 5L. plus 1L. scarlet (b)
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

LIECHTENSTEIN—Philatelic Sheet. Miniature sheet of four stamps, size of sheet about 4"x5½". Engraved and printed by state printing office, unwmkd., perf. 12. Issued to commemorate the 3rd Liechtenstein Stamp Exhibition July 30 to August 7th at Vaduz, the birthplace of Josef Rheinberger, the musician, whose portrait is on the stamps:

- 50r. slate blue
(Morris Jacobowitz)

MEXICO—International Town Planning Congress Commemoratives. Various designs, each value issued in two separate colors as noted below. Wmkd. Mexico Correos, perf. 14. Quantities issued were 5c.—400,000; 10c.—3,500,000; 20c.—100,000; Air Post 20c.—200,000; 40c. and 1P.—50,000 each. We understand that the two different colors were equally divided between the quantities above noted.

Postage

- 5c. red-brown
- 5c. olive-brown
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- 10c. chocolate
- 20c. black
- 20c. brown-lake

Air Post

- 20c. carmine
- 20c. violet
- 40c. green
- 40c. emerald-green
- 1P. slate-blue
- 1P. light blue
(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

MONACO—Additional values in the design noted by us February 12th. Engraved, sheets of 50 (10x5), unwmkd., perf. 14x13:

- A27—1c. maroon
- A27—2c. green
- A27—3c. magenta
(R. Roberts)

NIGER TERRITORY—Type of 1926. Unwmkd., perf. 14x13:

- A8—35c. blue-green & dull green
- A3—55c. dark carmine & brown
- A3—80c. claret & olive-green
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

SIERRA LEONE—King George VI Issue. Pictorial, engraved, perf. 12½, script C. A. wmkd.; additional values to go with those noted July 9th:



- 4d. black & brown
- 5d. olive
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- 5s. red-brown
- 10s. bright yellow-green
- 1P. deep blue
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BUREAU CATALOG

The new 21st Edition is at hand. As was to be expected a general uptrend in prices is noted throughout the book. Small increases from 2c to 25c, which to my notion shows a more conservative method of reaching the peak on a stamp than the one time method of giving each stamp the "works" when it started to be the least bit scarce. This edition was delayed long enough to list and price about 20 of the Presidential Buros. Prices on these new ones are right in line with the old issue which is as it should be and a point on which the publishers should be commended, because there often is a great temptation to start out a new series at top prices. Illustrations of several of the known doubles are included this time together with all the other illustrations formerly used. One point I want to emphasize is that the quoted prices in the catalog are for "B" copies as shown in the illustration on page 6. "A" copies command prices up to 25% over catalog quotations. "C" copies 33 1/3 to 50% from catalog quotations. Price of catalog, same as always, 75c.

GRADING BUREAU PRINTS

In the last edition of the Bureau Catalog there were illustrations and descriptions of three major grades of Bureaus. Feeling that these were perhaps inadequate to serve the needs of collectors and dealers, the Southern California Precancel Club has elaborated on the Catalog descriptions and have decided on the following as a more definite means of grading the condition of bureau prints. I offer this to my readers for what it is worth without comment. This was made in the form of a resolution.

GRADE AAA—A precancel in which the top and bottom white margins and the left and right white margins, respectively, be mathematically exactly even and of an amount equal to or in excess of three-quarters of a millimeter, measured from the outside of the design to the closest point at the edge of the perforation holes.

GRADE AA—A precancel with four white margins, not necessarily exactly even, in which the closest margin, measured as described above, shall be not less than one-half of a millimeter.

GRADE A—A precancel with four white margins in which the closest margin, measured as described above, shall be not less than one-quarter of a millimeter.

GRADE B—A precancel with four white margins, the closest of which, measured as described above, shall show at least a trace of white paper.

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And be it further **RESOLVED**: That Grades AAA, AA and A may be referred to collectively as Group A; that Grade B, in such case, may be termed Group B; and that Grades C, D, E and F may be referred to collectively as Group C.

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A CONDITION COUNT

Richard L. Treweeke writes that during the past winter he has been going over an accumulation of Bureau Prints and has counted them for condition after throwing out all torn, damaged, post-cancelled clipped and dc copies. He says: "Among 56,787 Bureau Prints, I found 43,272 (76%) with perforations very close or touching frame lines; 11,698 (21%) with perfs well clear of frame lines and 1,917 (3%) in almost perfectly centered or superb condition. Thus it seems that a bureau print in "B" condition is about 3 1/2 times as scarce as one in "C" condition and one in "A" condition 23 times as scarce as a reasonably collectible copy."

—Precancel Bee

NOTES

Dull times right now. Soon as the boys get back from the P.S.S. convention things will liven up.—Williamsport, Pa., using a U-17 electro. 3c Stuart, 5c, 10c, and 20c up noted.—The ranking collector of U-17s has about 475 I understand.—C. W. Sachs hopes to close in on the 18,000th Bi-Cent while at St. Louis.—Collinsville, Ill., on the 1/4c, 1c and 1 1/4c Pres. in U-121; Mount Vernon, Ill., 1c Pres. U-121.—Churchville, N. Y., 1c Pres. in a small rubber handstamp type about the size of U-8 letters; North Manchester, Ind., 1 1/4c Pres. U-121, this was used by the Northfield Co., makers of furniture, of that place.—Marion, O., is using a U-122 metal handstamp. 3c Stuart, 5c, and 25c up.

EIGHTH YEAR

Some one once said they would rather be right than be President. As for me, I am generally wrong and am a so-called precancel columnist. Now if I was a lady columnist like Doris Kiley of the *Kaw Chief* and tried to cut down a year or two, that would seem natural or at the least not unexpected but to think that I would make an error like that, it's simply awful. What burns me up is to think that the editor had to go and check up on me, and not take my word for how long I write this here column. You know I got a sneaking feeling he didn't think it was as long as I said and checked up to see how much I exaggerated the thing and imagine his surprise when he found out that I had made an understatement. (Editor's Note:

The truth will out!) So this is the start of the eighth year of scribbling and all letters and cards appreciated and welcomed. Write me.

New Air Mail Envelope

One of our readers, Robert E. Sheriff, of Mansfield, O., wrote Third Assistant P. M. General Black suggesting a revision of the stamp on air mail envelopes to conform to the new bicolored adhesive issued in May. Under date of August 24th Mr. Black replied that "although it will not be possible to make this change at the present time, it is expected that the design on air mail envelopes will be revised in this manner at a later date." Mr. Sheriff had suggested that in addition to lessening possible confusion by postal clerks, the printing of the stamp in red and blue would lessen or at least not increase the cost of production since those two colors are already used on the checkerboard borders of the envelopes.

Mannel Hahn, Editor of *Postal Markings*, expects to be the guide for a trip to Brazil's BRAPEX exhibition this October via the "Philatelic Clipper," the party continuing for a brief tour of South America after the exhibition. Cost will be \$1500—for details write Philatelic Tours, Winnetka, Ill.

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Collectors and dealers were saddened by the death here several weeks ago of John Luff, one of the greatest American authorities on stamps and probably the world's greatest authority on Americana. Mr. Luff's death was ascribed to heart disease which culminated an illness of more than three years.

Mr. Luff enjoyed an international reputation as a stamp authority, having been Chairman of the Jury at the International Philatelic Exhibition which was held here in New York in 1926. He served several terms as president of the Collector's Club and was an Honorary Life Governor of that organization.

There has been a great deal of activity here in New York the past week. Jack Rubin, prominent dealer, sold his entire stock of foreign complete sets to Paul Bluss, auctioneer. These stamps will be disposed of at Mr. Bluss's sales this month. Mr. Rubin then purchased from E. M. Walton, Inc., a very large accumulation of sets of all kinds including rarities and also a superb collection of souvenir and miniature sheets from an Arizona collector.

In J. M. Bartels' auction sale, to be held on September 15 and 16, there will be many items of interest, prominent

among which will be the United States section. In this section there are some fine complete sets of Columbians and many dollar values of this series. In the general foreign section there is an unusual quantity of mint uninged Air Mails, Commemoratives, Pictorials, etc. It should be interesting to note the prices they will bring. In the sale there will also be a copy of the 10 shilling Dolfuss. This stamp, which had been catalogued at \$3.00, is now listed at \$25.00. Following the regular floor sale, Bartels will have a mail sale. This is a new feature of his auctions.

Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls ranking as it does among the seven wonders of the globe it isn't surprising to find it a popular subject on stamp issues. The United States has shown the falls on the attractive 25c green first issued in 1922 and still a current issue. Canada joined the parade in 1935 with a green stamp too, of 20c denomination and somewhat larger than the United States stamp.



The peculiar thing about both these stamps is that the Canadian stamp has a view taken from the American side and featuring the American falls prominently. The United States stamp shows a view of the Falls taken from the Canadian side, with the Canadian Falls in the foreground. And while we're speaking of falls on U. S. stamps it might be well to mention lovely Vernal Falls in Yosemite National Park, often a candidate for a stamp design but somehow always being nosed out in favor of some other design. Time and again designs have been submitted by Bureau artists for approval, only to have those featuring the falls rejected. The falls finally got on a stamp but then in error and on a Philippine stamp at that, the 18c 1932. In error a picture of Vernal Falls was mistaken for one of Pagsanjan Falls in the Islands and not discovered until the stamps had been in use for some time.

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PRESIDENTIAL ALBUM PAGES

In our issue of Aug. 13 and again in our issue of the 20th, we printed a small note, occupying about five or six inches of space, proposing the publication of a set of printed Biographies with pictures of the presidents, the same set of biographies which has appeared in our columns in the past several weeks. We had had so many requests for back numbers and for special prints of these pictures and biographies that we proposed to issue a special printed set on good paper, provided enough readers were interested to make it worth while. After the first printing of the inquiry we received over 150 requests for such a set and following the second printing the number of requests ran up to over 250 in all.

Thus we have evidence that offers made in Linn's Weekly Stamp News will bring heaps of inquiries and orders if you have something to offer that the collector wants.

Many of the inquiries sent us suggested the production of a set of album pages with the picture and biography incorporated in the page. After much thought we planned a set of album pages which is available in two styles or groups which will provide pages that will permit as extensive a collection of the Presidential stamps as any collector might want. The complete details and prices on these pages are printed elsewhere in this paper and collectors who are interested may read the details.

To those who made an advance reservation we want to thank you for your support which makes it possible to issue this set of pages for we have been able to learn through that support that there would be a ready market for such pages and it is only due to this that we have planned their production.

The first printing is to be limited to 500 sets, if the demand justifies another printing will then be made.

COLLECTORS CAN SUPPLY PRESIDENTIAL COVERS

We have had so many requests at our office from collectors who missed on some of the Presidential covers that we have invited those collectors who have some extra duplicate covers to advise us and following is a list of collectors who have some duplicate covers to dispose of. We assume no responsibility in this matter and if you want only Linprint Covers you should so specify in making inquiries. These collectors state they have duplicate covers for disposal.

M. Fausek, 2864 N. 16th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Air Mail Change

Recently the Division of Air Mail Service was transferred from the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General to that of the First Assistant Postmaster General, W. W. Howes. No reason was given for the change, the division having been originally assigned to the Second Asst. because that office handled transportation of mail arrangements.

In a recent column in the Washington Post, Wm. M. Stuart illustrates a cover from the first flight Shanghai-Tokyo of July 1, 1938. Cover is franked with 45c Chinese air mail—which makes us wonder if any reader can supply accurate data on what stamps are now used and where new supplies are obtained for the occupied sections of China?

C. G. Kerruish, 272 Huntington Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

R. L. Kirchhoff, 5731 Grace St., Chicago.

L. Stutsin, 920 Kelly St., New York.

J. Zanewski, 51 Main St., Maynard, Mass.

J. A. Seay, CCC Co. 4488, Ashland, Ala.

Post Stamp Co., Medina, N. Y.

Milton M. Ostroff, 329 Nancy St., Charleston, W. Va.

D. J. Baumann, Meeker, Ohio.

Harold Moore, 365 Morrison Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

The Curhan Stamp Co., 14 Pleasant St., Gloucester, Mass., writes us that they have all of the Presidential series on Linprint envelopes and that they can also supply Commemoratives for many issues back, all on Linprint envelopes as they have used Linprint covers exclusively.

No further lists of these will be printed.

FIRST DAY COVER BUSINESS

A lot of stamp dealers will doubtless be glad of the fact that there appears to be no new Commemorative issues in the offing. The Department is now well into the Presidential Series and this will doubtless be completed as fast as production of new dies and plates will permit and it is likely that every effort will be made to sidestep anything calling for a Commemorative stamp. On the other hand the commemorative stamps usually come from acts of Congress and since Congress is not in session it seems likely that we will get through the rest of this year without further Commemoratives.

It is interesting to note that there have been a large number of collectors who have confined their first day cover activities to the Commemorative stamps, and that since the start of the Presidential series a lot of these collectors have realized that they missed something. The low values were issued in far smaller number than any commemorative and already dealers are reporting a demand for the low presidentials. They seem to be good and it is likely that they will bring better prices than the average commemorative. Again, many will drop out of this race with the coming of the higher values so that in the end, complete sets of these presidentials should turn out to be very desirable.

While it is none of our business, we would believe that collectors who confine their first day cover interest to choice single copies on cover and forget the thought of blocks of four, will have by far the best marketable material. We never could see any sense in this block of four business anyhow.

The Poet's Corner



Far away in the Australian bush
There lives a mammal called Platypus.
It's covered with fur, with a bill like a duck,
Lays its own eggs, and hides in the muck.
So believe it or not, just take a slant
And you'll see this mammal on the new
Australian stamp.

By Clara, Poet Laureate of the
KenMore Stamp Co.

- + Lee W. Drisco, New York City.
- + W. Dunning, Wilmington, N. C.
- + Empire Stamp Company, Toronto, Canada.
- + Harry Esakson, Rockford, Ill.
- + Fairmount Stamp Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
- + Fidelity Stamp Co., Washington, D. C.
- + Gard's News Agency, Circleville, Ohio.
- + R. E. Gerspacher, Kenmore, N. Y.
- + Golden Stamp Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
- + Chauncey Hackett, Provincetown, Mass.
- + H. E. Harris & Co., Boston, Mass.
- + Hastings Stamp Co., Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
- + John I. Hays, South Gate, Calif.
- + Dr. J. M. Henderson, Columbus, Ohio.
- + Highland Star Stamp Co., Utica, N. Y.
- + Hollinbeck Stamp Co., Minneapolis, Minn.
- + Hufnell's Hobby House, Norfolk, Va.
- + Jewell's Stamp Service, Tamaqua, Penna.
- + John A. Jungkind, Little Rock, Ark.
- + Leo Kusmierz, Detroit, Mich.
- + Stuart H. Lampe, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- + Manning Langer, New York City.
- + C. Max Lentz, Youngstown, Ohio.
- + Metropolitan Stamp Co., New York City.
- + A. Middleton, Mansfield, Ohio.
- + Ben L. Morris, Bellaire, Ohio.
- + Olson & Olson, Hartford, Conn.
- + Philatelic Universal, San Francisco, Calif.
- + Joseph L. Pitchell, New York City.
- + Rudolf Remelin, Santa Rosa, Calif.
- + O. J. Richardson, Pinellas Park, Fla.
- + P. W. Riedel, Greengrove, Pa.
- + Royal Stamp Co., Coaldale, Penna.
- + Bill Stadler, Vineland, New Jersey.
- + Sybaris, Brooklyn, New York.
- + Tatham Stamp & Coin Co., Springfield, Mass.
- + Tonka Specialty Co., Chicago, Ill.
- + Universal Stamp Co., New York City.
- + John B. Coleman, South Bend, Ind.
- + Globus Stamp Co., New York City.

Did Peru Issue the First Commemorative Stamp?

In September 1936 the "Peru Filatelic" stamp paper of the South American republic, advanced the claim that neither the United States, Roumania or Hong Kong had issued the first commemorative stamps since Peru had issued the first one in 1871. It is claimed that this stamp, Scott's type A15, 5c scarlet, portraying a locomotive, actually commemorates the 20th anniversary of Peru's first railroad, which by the way was the first in South America. The stamp was issued in April, 1871, the original railroad having been opened on the 5th of April, 1851, between Lima, the capital, and Callao, the port, a distance of only a few miles. The stamp is inscribed "Chorrillos" and "Callao" vertically on the side panels and this is explained to mean the railroad as finally completed to the first named point a nearby village where the upper class Peruvians spent the vacation season. Unfortunately for the claims of the stamp being a commemorative is the fact that various official decrees make no mention of any commemorative purpose. The stamp was claimed by officials to be necessary since the stock of 5c printed by the American Bank Note Co. were nearly exhausted and a new rate in 1868 restored the 5c rate on certain classes of mail. There is much room for research on this stamp issue.

Dr. Adrian S. Escobar, Director General of Posts of Argentina, promised better stamps in the first of a series of philatelic broadcasts being sent over the National Radio of Argentina.

—H. G. Spanton, Buenos Aires.

U. S. NOTES

Occasionally collectors encounter copies of envelope stamps which bear across them all or a portion of the familiar "penalty" imprint used in the upper right corners of all envelopes used by government departments on official business. This imprint reads "Penalty for private use to avoid payment of postage, \$300." The Post Office Department on its business uses odds and ends of stamped envelopes by printing this timeworn phrase on the envelopes in the usual position and using the envelopes in same manner as any other "penalty" envelope, without regard to denomination of the stamp on such overprinted envelopes. It's not uncommon to see 2c stamped envelopes come through in this manner, especially of discontinued sizes and papers. Many other varieties though have been seen, evident results of efforts to economize by not destroying unsalable envelopes. We have seen large size 4c envelopes so used, and precancelled 1c with envelope inside out. Others seen indicate that by some error quantities of envelopes with return address of private firms have accumulated, and to use these this return card was blocked out by overprinting with heavy bars, the Dept's. return card

imprinted below and penalty printed over top of stamps. We have never seen a list of these varieties, perhaps because the variety is extensive and the clear evidence that the stamps were demonitized by the overprint and had nothing to do with manner of use after being overprinted. No specimens of these have been noted from other departments so it seems the Post Office Dept. uses its waste postal stationery itself.

Starting July 1, Virginia's new beer stamp tax goes into effect. Jno. M. Stone advises that stamps of these denominations have been issued: $\frac{1}{4}$ bbl. 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, green; $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, blue; $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. \$1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$, red; 1 bbl. \$2.75, orange.

Naval cancel collectors should be interested in the book published by the Government Printing Office titled "Ship's Data, U. S. Naval Vessels, Jan. 1, 1938." Its 461 pages include lists of all naval vessels, stricken and sale lists, vessels disposed of by treaty, etc. Price 55c (stamps not accepted) of the Supt. of Documents, Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

A copy of the 5c Petersburg, Va., Confederate postmaster's provisional printed in blue instead of the red of the catalogued variety, is reported by George Clouse of Dayton who asks for information. Dietz's catalog warns of the numerous counterfeits of Confederate provisionals and since even that book does not mention such a stamp, the possibility of this stamp being genuine is remote. In cases like this it is well to have the stamp expertised. When sending stamps in for our opinion, always send stamped return envelope.

The Post Office Dept. has included an imitation of the new 6c air mail stamp in the new air mail map now displayed in post office lobbies. The frame is faithfully sketched, the center being blank except for an advertising "blurb" for the air mail service.

The monument shown on the new 3c Northwest Territory stamp has six figures, arranged so that from any side a different group of three will be seen.

The Post Office Dept. has such large stocks of the old $\frac{1}{4}$ c and $\frac{1}{2}$ c that all requisitions by postmasters are being filled with these instead of the new designs.

This appeared recently in a Philatelic Magazine

This plan during my past ten years in the stamp business, has started many notable and satisfactory collections.

I advise that you obtain a Scott's International Album, and a packet of 5M all different stamps; an outlay of about \$20.00. Don't buy more or less. Study your stamps, learn all about them that you can, also about watermarks, perforations, papers, etc. Then when you have the stamps mounted you are ready to start collecting.

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Finland—125 all different	2.00
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Greece—500 all different	35.00
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Italy—200 all different	1.00
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Latvia—100 all different	2.00
Lebanon—50 all different	1.50
Lithuania—150 all different	6.00
Luxemburg—150 all different	3.50
Mexico—100 all different	1.50
Monaco—75 all different	4.00
Montenegro—105 all different	3.50
Mozambique—45 all different	1.00
Nejil—69 all different	20.00
Netherlands—200 all different	4.00
Nicaragua—250 all different	6.00
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